

REMARKS

This Amendment is prepared in response to the first Office action mailed on 2 August 2004 (Paper No. 07222004). Allowance of claims 28-33 is appreciated.

Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 11-14, 19-21, 23-25 and 27 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 4, 10, 15, 22 and 26 are being amended, and claims 34-38 are newly added. Thus, claims 4-7, 10, 15-18, 22, 26 and 28-38 are pending in the application.

Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite for the reasons stated in section 3 on page 2 of the Office Action.

In addition, claims 1, 4, 8, 12, 13, 20, 23, and 24 have been rejected under 35 USC §102 and §103 as either anticipated by or obvious over the cited art for the reasons stated in sections 7-9 on pages 3-7 of the Office Action.

Furthermore, the Examiner has indicated that claims 28-33 are allowable over the cited art and has further indicated that claims 2-3, 5-7, 9-11, 14-19, 21-22, and 25-27 have been objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form so as to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment, the rejected claims have been canceled and the objected to claims rewritten in independent form such that all of the claims now present in the application are patentable over the cited art and should therefore now be in a condition suitable for allowance. This Amendment should in no way be construed as acquiescing to the Examiner's rejections but rather has been submitted for the sake of expediency.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC §102 as anticipated by Kim et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,487,656 for the reasons stated in section 7 on pages 3-5 of the Office Action. Furthermore, claim 1 has also been rejected under 35 USC §102 as anticipated by Korean Patent KR 8628/2000 for the reasons stated in section 9 on pages 6-7 of the Office Action.

As noted above, by this Amendment, claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter and new claim 38 substituted therefor. It is submitted that new claim 38 is patentable over the cited are for the following reasons:

Neither of the two cited references teacher suggest a sound command signal unit provided and a basic input output system memory.

As shown in Figure 2 of Kim et al., a media command (250) is installed in a media storage area. As noted in lines 27-46 of column 6 of Kim et al., the media storage area

may be part of a system memory (124), a mass storage unit (152), or a flash memory (184), and is not part of the BIOS storage unit (176).

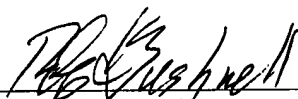
Furthermore, the present invention is arranged to generate a sound prior to an audio card being loaded onto the RAM storage area. However, as noted in lines 27-46 of column 7 of Kim et al., the sound is generated by the audio card.

In view of the above, it is submitted that claim 38 is patentable over the cited art and should therefore now be in a condition suitable for allowance.

A fee of \$264.00 is incurred by the addition of three (3) independent claims in excess of 3. Applicant's check drawn to the order of Commissioner accompanies this Amendment. Should the check become lost, be deficient in payment, or should other fees be incurred, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fees.

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon all of the claims now present in the application is respectfully requested. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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